

ADJUSTING SHIP CONTRACTS.

Builders of Wooden Vessels Meet Shipping Board.

Washington, D. C., March 26.—Representatives of wooden shipyards on the Atlantic and Gulf coasts conferred with the shipping board yesterday on the adjustment of cancelled contracts amounting to more than \$100,000,000. It was indicated that the board would make an early decision to relieve financial embarrassment caused by the suspension of work in many plants.

The shipbuilders said that by government orders, work had ceased on many hulls, in most cases more than 60 per cent complete. They probably will not be finished for government account now that the war emergency has passed. With banks and other creditors pressing the builders for a settlement of obligations, it was said, the board was asked to act at once.

FERRISBURG MAN IS A CASUALTY

Pvt. Robert G. Sears "Died of Accident or Other Cause"

DERRY, N. H., MAN ALSO SO LISTED

To-day's Casualty List Contained 86 Names, of Which Four Were Killed

Washington, D. C., March 26.—To-day's casualty list contained 86 names, divided as follows: Killed in action, 4; died of wounds, 7; died of accident or other cause, 13; died from airplane accident, 1; died of disease, 38; wounded severely, 18; missing in action, 5.

The following Vermont and New Hampshire men were included: Sgt. Joseph F. Clark, Derry, N. H.; Pvt. Robert G. Sears, North Ferrisburg, Vt.

ASSESSORS GET CONCESSIONS

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ures referred to. The third report related to the district health officers' bill and said that the action of Barre was too late to prevent enactment. The fourth report had to do with revising the city ordinances relative to placing the right of fixing certain salaries with the council rather than by ordinance. This last-named report was accepted and the ordinance was read the first time.

The bond to commit Ida May Gardens to a tuberculosis sanatorium was ordered executed.

Appropriations relating to appropriating \$1,800 to meet state money for permanent road construction and relating to departmental appropriations were adopted. The inspector of the Fidelity & Casualty company reported the boilers in the city hall in "good order."

The police report for February showed 23 arrests, of which 19 were for intoxication, one for keeping, one search and seizure, one for adultery and one for using an automobile without owner's consent. The report was accepted.

A complaint from Chelsea about a boy who had been sent to Chelsea for a home with his uncle was referred to the city judge, the boy having been put out on good behavior. The Travelers' Insurance company reported on an accident to Peter Purichelli of the fire department.

Three nominations were presented by Mayor Glysson—Kenneth Nicholson to be a grand juror and James Smart and J. G. McLeod to be members of the board of health. All three were confirmed unanimously. The use of the opera house was granted to the Woman's club for two nights in April under the usual restrictions.

The Salary Matter.

Coming down to the matter of salaries, the aldermen waded in only to conclude that, according to the reading of the city's rules, it would be wiser to have the discussion before the city council; so the aldermen adjourned and invited Mayor Glysson into the circle, thus making it a city council.

Alderman Scott led the opposition to raises in salaries of many of the officials and he was generally backed up by Alderman Keefe; but the majority was far against them, standing 5 to 2 on the only test vote by roll call.

Beginning with the office of city attorney, the council fixed the yearly stipend at \$500, same as last year, and also the building and wire inspectors at 30 cents an hour, those amounts being the same as last year.

Alderman Scott made his chief fight on the offices of city engineer and water superintendent, the salary committee recommending that the salaries remain the same, at \$700 each. Alderman Healy led in the argument for increases of \$100 in each office and presented a long array of figures to back up his assertion that the results were worth the increase.

When it came to roll call Mayor Glysson and Aldermen Healy, Lorange, McMillan and Alexander were counted on the side of increase and Alderman Scott and Keefe on the long end. That was taken on the proposition to fix the city engineer's salary at \$1,000 instead of \$900. Later the water superintendent (also E. O. Lee) was given a similar raise, making his total increase \$200.

Overseer of the Poor Reardon was considered by Mayor Glysson and others to have proven himself a hard worker for the city's welfare and the good of the needy; and he was given a raise of \$100 to \$900. The city physician was kept at \$600 per year. The secretary of the board of health was given \$50 a month. The new street superintendent, J. C. DeBrune, was voted the same salary as the outgoing incumbent, \$1,800 a year and he to furnish his own transportation.

The raise of the chief of police was \$200 to \$1,400. Alderman Scott thought that the new man should be asked to prove himself but it was considered by Alderman McMillan and others that the office was such as to demand \$1,400. That was voted by acclamation. The salary of the deputy chief was raised to \$1,200 a year, an increase of \$84. Patrolmen came in next with a raise of \$72 a year and to a weekly salary of \$21. Special police were voted a raise of five cents an hour to 30 cents but with the reverse English that they shall turn over their fees.

First assistant fire chief was given \$75 a year and second and third assistants \$65 a year; the acting chief, \$200 a year; superintendent of the fire alarm system \$30 a year; captains of call men \$12 a year more than the call men, latter to receive \$2 a call and first hour's work and 75 cents an hour for the remainder of their time, they to get \$1 each for every meeting and every practice but to forfeit the same amount on failure to attend meetings or practices without good excuse.

The pay of assistant to the engineer's office was left open; and the assistant in the water office, an "experienced" hand, as the report of the committee had it, is to get \$14 a week. Members of the board of health and paint inspector are to get 30 cents an hour for time actually spent. This ended the list and the report was accepted as amended and adopted.

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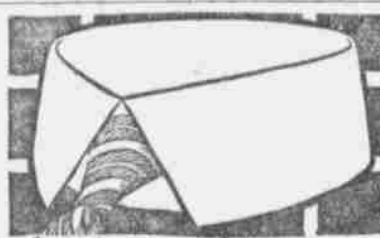
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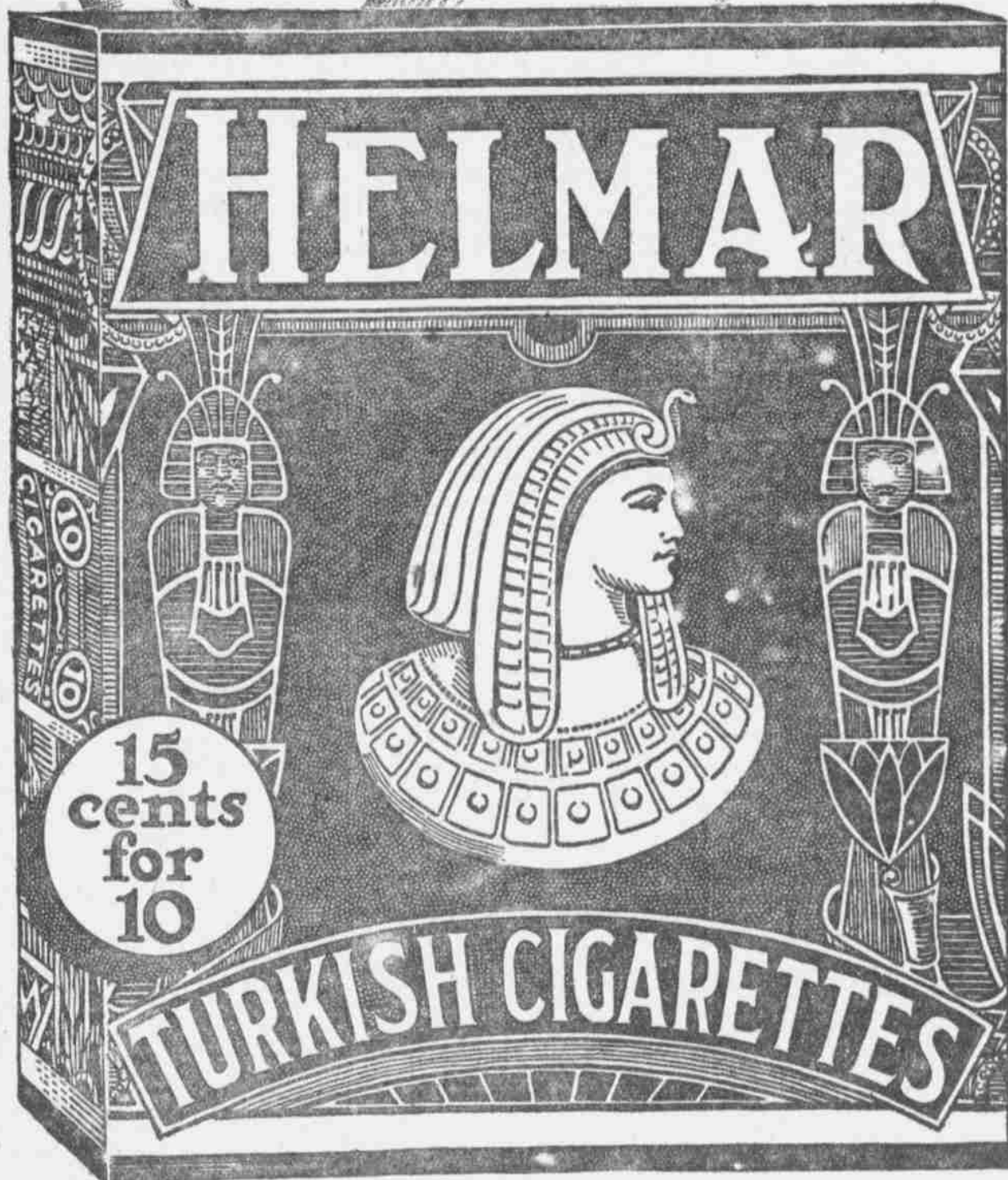
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